

OPINION 1519

Ammonites neubergicus Hauer, 1858 (Cephalopoda, Ammonoidea): to be given precedence over *Ammonites chrishna* Forbes, 1846

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *neubergicus* Hauer, 1858, as published in the binomen *Ammonites neubergicus*, is hereby given precedence over the specific name *chrishna* Forbes, 1846, as published in the binomen *Ammonites chrishna*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *neubergicus* Hauer, 1858, as published in the binomen *Ammonites neubergicus*, (specific name of the type species of *Pachydiscus* Zittel, 1884) with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *chrishna* Forbes, 1846, as published in the binomen *Ammonites chrishna*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
- (b) *chrishna* Forbes, 1846, as published in the binomen *Ammonites chrishna*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *neubergicus* Hauer, 1858, as published in the binomen *Ammonites neubergicus*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

History of Case 2460

An application for the conservation of *Ammonites neubergicus* Hauer, 1858 was received from Drs R. A. Henderson (*James Cook University of North Queensland, Townsville, Australia*) and W. J. Kennedy (*University Museum, Oxford, U.K.*) on 14 November 1983. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 277–278 (October 1986). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. A supportive comment was received from Mr C. W. Wright (*Beaminster, Dorset, U.K.*). A comment from Professor G. Hahn, opposing the suppression of *Ammonites chrishna*, because its synonymy with *neubergicus* is subjective, was published in BZN 44: 126 (June 1987). The specific name *neubergicus* was published in combination with *Ammonites*, not *Pachydiscus* as stated in BZN 43: 277, para. 5(2).

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 277, modified to give precedence to *neubergicus* rather than to suppress *chrishna*. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 16: Bayer, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Ride.

No votes were returned by Dupuis, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

Cogger, Holthuis and Thompson were on leave of absence.

Ride commented that an adequate case had been made for the conservation of the name *neubergicus*; he would have voted for the suppression of *chrishna* as suggested in

the application, and he considered that the Commission should have been asked to vote for or against this simpler course.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

chrishna, *Anmonites*, Forbes, 1846, *Transactions of the Geological Society, London*, 7: 103.

neubergicus, *Anmonites*, Hauer, 1858, *Beitraege zur palaeontographie von Oesterreich*, vol. I, p. 12.